

REMARKS

Preliminarily, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 26 and 27, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 4.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-16 remain rejected as being obvious over *Brigham et al.* (US 2001/0036693) in view of Applicants' admitted prior art, as shown in Fig. 2 of the instant specification, under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

While not conceding the validity of this rejection, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has placed this application in condition for allowance by incorporating the features of allowable claim 3 into independent claim 1, and has cancelled withdrawn claims 17-25.

With no issues remaining, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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